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The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Letter dated 11 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey herewith the records of violations of the ceasefire by the Republic of Armenia in December 2016 (see annex). During the reporting period, Armenia violated the ceasefire regime 1,208 times and continued the usage of large-calibre guns and heavy weaponry from its positions in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan and from its own territory.

As a result, two servicemen of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan were wounded.

The continuous occupation of a large part of the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the armed forces of Armenia remains the main obstacle in the settlement of the conflict and the only source of the escalation of the situation on the front line and the occurrence of hostilities and casualties.

The sooner the Republic of Armenia withdraws its troops from the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the sooner peace and stability can be restored in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 32 and 37, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yashar **Aliyev**
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Annex to the letter dated 11 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia for December 2016*

Dates	*Direction (locality)*	*Weapons used*	*Number of ceasefire violations*	*Casualties and damages*
1-31 December	**Agham district, Azerbaijan**			
	Ahmadaghali village	AK	3	
	Bash Garvand village	AK/AKM	7	
	Chiragly village	AK	3	
	Javahyrly village	AK/AKM	24	
	Kengerli village	AK	2	
	Merzili village	AK/AKM	8	
	Saryjaly village	AK/AKM/SVD	19	
	Shuraabad village	AK/AKM/DShK/PKM	26	
	Shykhlar village	AKM/AK/PKM	18	
	Shyrvanly village	AK/AKM	3	
	Yusifjanly village	AK/AKM	22	
	Agstafa district, Azerbaijan			
	Kohna Gyshlag village	AKM/PKM	5	
	Fizuli district, Azerbaijan			
	Ashaghy Abdurrahmanly village	AK	40	
	Ashaghy Seyidahmadly village	AK	6	
	Ashaghy Seyidahmadly and Alikhanly villages	AK	16	
	Ashaghy Veysalli village	AKM/AK	7	
	Garakhanbeyli village	AK	21	
	Garakhanbeyli and Alkhanly villages	AK	5	
	Garvand village	AK	1	
	Horadiz village	AK/AKM	48	
	Kurdlar and Ashagy Abdurrahmanly villages	AK/AKM	21	
	Korgan and Ashaghy Abdurrahmanly villages	AK	6	
	Korgan and Shukurbayli villages	AK/AKM	6	

* Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under occupation by the Republic of Armenia or situated close to the fire point areas.

Abbreviations: AGS, automatic grenade launcher, mounted; AK, Kalashnikov assault rifle; AKM, modernized Kalashnikov assault rifle; DShK, heavy machine gun; MT, mine thrower; OSV-96, semi-automatic sniper rifle; PK, Kalashnikov machine gun; PKM, modernized Kalashnikov machine gun; RPG-7V, hand-held anti-tank grenade launcher; SVD, sniper rifle; 60mm MT, mortar; 82mm MT, mortar.

Dates	*Direction (locality)*	*Weapons used*	*Number of ceasefire violations*	*Casualties and damages*
	Unnamed heights	AK/DShK/AGS	161	
	Yukhary Abdurrahmanly and Ashaghy Abdurrahmanly villages	AK	4	
	Yukhary Seyidahmadly village	AK	1	
	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan			
	Ashagy Askıpara village	AKM	1	
	Jafarli village	PK/AK/PKM	5	
	Farahli village	AKM/AK	5	
	Gaymagly village	AKM/AK	5	
	Gushchu Ayrum village	AK	4	
	Gyzylhajili village	PKM/DShK/AKM	6	
	Kemerly village	AK	4	
	Unnamed heights	AKM/AK/PKM	26	
	Gedebey district, Azerbaijan			
	Unnamed heights	AK/DShK	7	
	Goranboy district, Azerbaijan			
	Gulustan village	AKM/PKM/DShK	6	
	Tapgaragoyunlu village	AK/AKM/SVD	38	
	Unnamed heights	AK/AKM/DShK	44	
	Goygol district, Azerbaijan			
	Unnamed heights	AKM	1	
	Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan			
	Mehdili village	AK	6	
	Mehdili and Jojug Marjanli villages	AK	4	
	Nuzgar village and Lala Ilahi heights	AK/DShK/PKM	39	
	Nuzgar and Gazakhlar villages	AKM	3	
	Unnamed heights	AK	11	
	Khojavand district, Azerbaijan			
	Kuropatkino village	AK/AKM/PKM/60mm MT	130	Two servicemen of the armed forces of Azerbaijan were wounded
	Unnamed heights	AK/AKM/PKM/SVD	125	
	Tartar district, Azerbaijan			
	Borsunlu village	AK/AKM/60mm MT	2	
	Chayly village	AK/AKM	31	
	Jerabert village	AK/AKM/PKM	30	
	Karmiravan village	AKM/82mm MT/AK/DShK	56	

Dates	*Direction (locality)*	*Weapons used*	*Number of ceasefire violations*	*Casualties and damages*
	Levonarkh and Hasangaya villages	AKM	1	
	Levonarkh village	AK/AKM/DShK	40	
	Seysulan and Gapanli villages	DShK	1	
	Unnamed heights	AK	3	
	Yarymja village	AKM	4	
	Tovuz district, Azerbaijan			
	Aghdam village	AK/AKM	9	
	Aghbulag village	AK/DShK/AKM	26	
	Alibayli village	AK/AKM	6	
	Kokhanabi village	AK/AKM/OSV-96/DShK/PKM	34	
	Munjuglu village	AKM	11	
	Unnamed heights	AKM	1	